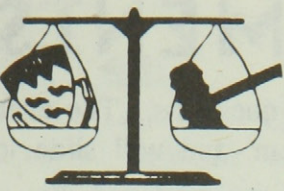


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The Law Bookstore this year: An apologia

by Brett Code, LLB II

I've been thinking a lot about Oedipus these days. You remember him - sent away to be killed by his parents, raised by a shepherd. He did not know who his real parents were. When he returned to his homeland, he killed his father and married his mother. Years later, when he discovered the truth, he felt so guilty that he plucked out his eyes. Even though there was no way he could have known who they were or what he had done, he

felt deep moral responsibility. Mine is a similar story. I feel terrible about the inconvenience caused to those students who have not been able to purchase casebooks. Some of this was the result of events that I could not have foreseen; some the result of earnestly pursued desirable goals that led to casebook shortages. Still some were the result of my own errors and miscalculations. I accept responsibility for it all. Please accept my most sincere apology. I'm trying to get new ones printed as fast as I

can.

Let me use this opportunity to explain how the bookstore works and to pose a few questions.

Statement of operations

For several years, the bookstore has been falsely labelled the L.S.A. Bookstore. It has nothing to do with the L.S.A.; it is a

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Taking a Bite: My Summer in the Big Apple

by Susan Abramovitch LL.B. IV

This article first appeared in the Quid Novi on October 17, 1989. On the occasion of the first annual New York Careers Day, being held this Thursday, September 27, 1990 at 2:30 p.m. in the Common Room, the Careers Day Committee felt it would be helpful to take another look at the inside perspective of one McGill student.

Since returning to Montreal after my summer associate stint in a large New York City law firm, four questions have greeted me recurrently:

1) "Did you work really long hours?"

2) "With the 'big' clients and 'big' deals that these New York firms have and do, your work must have been limited to photocopying and coffee-fetching, right?"

3) "Lunches, dinners, plays, cocktail parties, benefits, trips: Were you required to do any work?"

4) "Fine, you had fun for a summer. But are you prepared for the life of indentured servitude that lies ahead of you in 'real-life' in New York?"

Interpreting these questions as interest on the part of the student body, I will

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/ANNONCES

McGill Law Journal/La Revue de Droit de McGill Les demandes d'adhésion à la Revue de Droit de McGill sont disponibles depuis le 4 septembre 1990. Please note that the applications (including the evaluation and short assignments that must be completed) are due October 12. Interviews will take place October 15-16. Information sheets and applications are available at SAO, or at the new Law Journal office in the basement at 3661 Peel.

NO PARKING - There is absolutely, positively no parking in front of the Faculty. Delivery trucks cannot get in and those people with permits cannot find a place to park. Parking tickets will be issued to offenders. Please co-operate as the Faculty is losing patience. LSA/AED

NOTICES, SIGNS, POSTERS Please note that the bulletin boards in the basement have been relabelled. Every recognized group has its own board on which it can post information. Please confine yourselves to your assigned boards. The boards on the stairwells are still up for grabs on a first come, first served basis. - Thanks for your cooperation, LSA and SAO.

BOOKSTORE- Permanent hours, beginning the week of Sept. 17th 1990: Tues.: 8h30-10h30; Thurs.: 8h30-10h30.

CAREERS DAY/JOURNEE CARRIERE It may only be the end of summer, but it's never too early to think about getting A JOB. Anyone interested in working in New York next summer of next year should think about applying NOW. The CAREERS DAY COMMITTEE thereby presents New York Careers Day 1990. On September 27, in the Common Room, literature from 15 New York City firms will be available to students who are interested. Also, New York veterans will be on hand to

answer questions. The event starts at 2h30 p.m. and will slide into Coffee House.

SOQUIJ: To all students who held a SOQUIJ number last year: Your number has been deactivated but new numbers can be made available to you this year, still free of charge, under the same conditions as last year. Please contact Pierre Larouche at Room 52, OCDH, or at 398-6666, ext. 5372 for more info.

SOQUIJ: À tous les étudiant(e)s qui détenaient un mot de passe pour SOQUIJ l'an dernier: Votre mot de passe n'est plus valide, mais il vous est possible d'en obtenir un nouveau cette année, toujours gratuitement et aux mêmes conditions que l'an dernier. Prière de rejoindre Pierre Larouche au local #52, OCDH, ou au 398-6666, poste 5372 pour plus de renseignements.

ORIENTATION was a resounding success this year. On behalf of the first year students and the rest of the student body, we would like to thank the Orientation Committee for a super job. Thanks to Chris Kent, Sophie Perreault, Tina Hobday, Rhonda Yarin, Neil Soopler, Tasha Kheiriddin, Estelle Richmond, Renée Thériault, Lisa Kelly and Viresh Fernando. - LSA/AED

COOP McGill is a student-run organization that sells and services computers at student rates. Positions are open on the Board of Directors. COOP is looking for broadly based representation and is hoping to attract Directors from non-science backgrounds. The term runs from Sept. 26 1990 to Sept. 26 1991. Anyone interested should attend a meeting in the Student Union Building on Sept. 26 at 4h30 p.m. in room B-09.

LEGAL AID/AIDE JURIDIQUE The Direction of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan wishes to provide information to

students on career prospects in the Ontario legal clinic system. A representative of the Ontario legal clinic system will therefore visit the Faculty, on Wednesday, September 26, at noon. Me Étienne St-Aubin, of the Cornwall Community Legal Clinic, will be in room 201 to discuss this job opportunity with interested students. L'invitation s'adresse aux étudiants et aux étudiantes de tous les niveaux, de la première à la quatrième année, quel que soit le programme auquel ils sont inscrits. Communiquer avec le Prof. Daniel Jutras pour de plus amples renseignements.

LOST - Friday Sept. 14th around 3:00 p.m. in the Pit. A VOIT soccer ball made in Mexico. To anyone who may have picked the ball up because it looked abandoned, could you please return it to S.A.O.; the Faculty's soccer team needs it to practice.

RES IPSA LOQUITUR - To all those interested in buying a copy of last year's yearbook: There are a limited number available. Reserve your copy NOW by leaving me a note with your name and phone number in the mailbox at LSA. First come first served - so hurry! - Michael Kleinman, editor.

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Jim's Corner: Fading Federalism

by James Hughes

The Belanger-Campeau Constitutional Commission is mandated to take us beyond the status quo that for the last hundred and thirty three years has meant pan-Canadian federalism. If Quebec is to become one of four or five independent political entities or a member of the Canadian Economic Community (the "C.E.C."), let it do so on the basis of honesty and good faith. By this I mean federalism should not be remembered as a monumental failure. Indeed, its successes in terms of furthering the preservation of Quebec's unique cultural situation are real and documented.

The francophone nature of the province has not eroded during the "federal era". The most worthy demographic studies, which take into account net immigration, suggest the percentage of the population whose primary language is French will increase into the mid 21st century.

Provincial control over the key aspects to cultural preservation has been a fact since Confederation and the Canadian Constitution will continue to be flexible enough to allow further decentralization where necessary (e.g. immigration).

Though federalism didn't create Lavalin,

Computer update

by Brian Gelfand, BCL III
Chairperson, Computer Committee.

Finally, the news that you have all been waiting for. After a long delay caused by a multitude of technical problems, the new Computing Centre in room 204 will be opening for business the week of Sept. 24, 1990.

Some news about the system:

1) Due to major technical problems

Bombardier, the Laurentian Group or other successful Quebec business institutions, the development of these companies was certainly not impeded by the federal arrangement.

This admittedly superficial summary of the successes of federalism is written to slight neither individual nor idea. Rather, it's to point out that the Canadian experiment has been flexible and imaginative enough to create an environment in which both Quebec's vibrant french community has persevered and its economic status has remained that of a first-world nation - it has not had to sacrifice culture for financial well-being nor vice-versa.

My plea is for honesty. If we are to separate, let us do so not because of failed federalism but, rather, in spite of it. Quebec ought to leave Confederation due to a nationalism similar to the ethno-linguistic movements sweeping Eastern Europe because that, it seems to me, would be the honest reason for doing so. What the Quebec population ought to keep in mind, though, is that Lithuania, Slovakia, Estonia, Serbia, etc. have much less to lose in leaving their respective countries than Quebec does in seceding from Canada.

ranging from vandalism to old age, all of the computers may not be working. We are doing our best to make sure that at least some will be available.

2) The door to room 204 is equipped with a combination lock; please see your class president for the combination.

3) The computer committee will no longer be providing paper for student use. Fanfold paper for the dot matrix printers may be purchased at Sadies between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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Metal Erratum

by Julie Godin, Nat. IV

The following paragraphs were erroneously omitted from Julie Godin's article of last week. The Quid Novi editorial board extends its sincere apologies to the author.

[The article commented on the recent Judas Priest trial]

The trial evolved into a three-ring circus of media hysteria and contradictory expert testimony as to the effects of subliminal messages and the techniques of studio recording. In the end, the Court ruled that there were subliminal "Do Its" in the song, and that the plaintiffs had established the effectiveness of subliminal messages. However, it was deemed that other factors could explain the extreme behaviour of the two young men. Nevertheless, the plaintiffs' lawyers feel that the judgment has given congressional committees and state legislatures enough reason to investigate the effect of music on young people. The very notion that artists should be held responsible for the adverse effects caused by their creations is simplistic to the point of absurdity. Are we to believe that young people's minds are so malleable that they will accept any suggestion, no matter how extreme, without question?

This reasoning comes from the same people who claim that sexual education causes promiscuity. It is a blatant denial of all the social causes and motivation for behaviour: instead of taking responsibility for the examples they set, parents and educators blame that evil rock and roll music for everything from drug abuse to human sacrifice. There is no doubt that some people will react particularly strongly to certain stimuli. If we admit that the artists should be responsible for the way disturbed individuals interpret their work, there is no end to possible litigation.

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branch of McGill's main bookstore. Its manager is an employee of the main bookstore on a full-time basis during the summer months. An honorarium (in 1990, it was \$4 750) is given to the manager on June 1 of each year. During the school year, the manager works as an unpaid volunteer. The manager chooses his or her own successor, whose term runs from January to December. (Let me say that it is a great summer job. I will not be doing it next year, so anyone interested in taking over should let me know).

The bookstore has two main objectives:

1. To ensure that students in the faculty of law are able to obtain texts and legislation at considerable discounts. Such materials are obtained from various publishers at bookstore discount rates of between 20% and 40%. The bookstore adds 10% to the discounted price in order to cover overhead and transportation costs.
2. To ensure that students in the faculty of law are able to obtain photocopied casebooks of good quality at reasonably low prices.

All casebooks are printed on recycled paper by McGill Printing at a cost of between 2.4 and 2.5 cents per page. This cost includes back and front covers, hole-punching and shrink-wrapping. The library receives one free copy; the professor, two free copies (on request). The cost of these free copies is allocated over the price paid by students. Before sale, the price of each casebook is increased by 60%, a rate determined by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, to between 3.84 and 4.0 cents per page (a price that remains considerably lower than that commercially available and costs less than if we had to copy the cases ourselves from the library!). The funds raised by the sale of the casebooks are used by the Dean to pay students employed in the production of new

casebooks. For the year 1988-89, the Dean received \$19 885. For the year 1989-90, it is estimated that the Dean will receive \$21 000.

I took over the bookstore with an inventory of unsold casebooks worth \$22 423.90. Slightly over half of these casebooks were re-used by the professors this year. The remainder, worth over \$10 000, became obsolete and were recycled. I was determined to avoid such waste. For the preceding two years, I compared pre-registration numbers and actual registration numbers with the number of books sold. On a course-by-course basis, I tried to estimate how many casebooks I was likely to sell as a percentage of the pre-registration numbers that I received during the first week of July. I ordered 100% of that number for the typically popular courses, less for the typically unpopular courses and less for certain upper-year essay courses. My goal was to keep down costs. In that, I have succeeded. Unfortunately, only the Dean will know about it at the end of the next fiscal year.

But some things did not work out. Some courses were more popular in June than they are now. For those, I have plenty of casebooks. Some were less popular in June than they are now. For those, I have run short of casebooks. Because the numbers for this year are not final yet, let me give some examples of what happened last year:

	Pre-reg	Actual
Intellectual & Industrial Property	79	53
Feminist Legal Theory	28	21
Environment and the Law	58	21
International Finance	4	23
Labour Law (Heenan)	27	39
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MORAL DILEMMA OF THE WEEK

This may take some of you by surprise, but judging from our *Quid Novi* board meetings, students of this Learned faculty are not always of the same mind. This is why we have decided to make the *Quid* a true marketplace of ideas, and who knows, maybe truth will emerge in the end.

Every week, the *Quid* will publish a "moral dilemma", some issue from current affairs, and ask students to submit a reasoned response (up to 400 words or so). Our goal is to publish the best answer, pro and con, in the next issue.

Without further ado, here's this week's dilemma.

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The figures are not startling, but each time that actual registration exceeds pre-registration, there is a casebook shortage. In several courses, it has happened again this year.

One possible solution is that of previous bookstore managers: to over-order rather than under-order. With too many casebooks, all the students get copies, and the manager saves himself or herself the hassle of re-ordering them in small numbers. Administrative convenience is offset by waste and lost profits. One of the questions that needs to be answered regarding the bookstore is whether convenience or waste should dominate its operations. Is it a service or a business? If you have any opinions on this, please let me know.

Recycled paper

The law bookstore is McGill Printing's major customer, consuming over 1 000 000 copies per year. This year, I was able to convince the manager of McGill Printing to give us recycled paper, which

SHOULD RUSHTON BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TEACHING?

Phillippe Rushton is a psychology professor at the University of Western Ontario. Though sinister in itself, that's not the problem here. He has presented a theory that Orientals are genetically superior to Whites and Whites genetically superior to Blacks. His course, Theory and Research in Personality includes the controversial material. Despite protests, the psychology department will allow him to teach the course on videotape.

Should Rushton be allowed to teach?

Please place your submissions in the *Quid* box in the LSA office. The deadline is Monday at 12 noon.

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is ordinarily more expensive than normal paper, at the same rate as last year's. Unfortunately, it is only a first step along the road. The paper being used is only 50% recycled paper and uses pre-consumer stock - clippings swept off the floors of the paper makers. To use post-consumer paper for our casebooks this year would have required a 25% increase in price. I could not have imposed such an increase unilaterally. I wonder if it is worth considering a switch to real recycled paper. Perhaps we could hold a referendum during the elections next Spring. If anyone has strong feelings on this matter, let me know.

Hours of Operation

In years past, the bookstore has been open full-time during the first week of each semester and for 4 hours per week thereafter. This arrangement does not work too well.

- The first-year students purchase most of their books during the first 2 or 3 days, long before meeting their law partners or any other upper year students. The result

The Far Side

By Gary Larson

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"He's got one shot left, Murray —
and then he's ours!"

is that recommended texts are purchased unnecessarily, and upper year students are not given a chance to unload their books second hand.

- Upper year students have not had time to choose their courses during the first week and then are stuck with no books during the second week.

To move the opening back to the second week might help, but it might also be too much to ask the manager to miss his or her entire second week of classes. Perhaps it is time to return management of the bookstore to a committee of volunteers (only one person can have the summer job, however). Maybe we should just let the main bookstore sell our books. That way, we wouldn't have inexpensive books (they're not inexpensive now, right? Example: Kindred et al., *Public International Law*. Main bookstore: \$96; Law bookstore: \$59. How do we do it?), but we'd have the convenience that comes with browsing and extended hours. Again, I'd be pleased to hear anyone's opinion on this matter.

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address the underlying queries of each of the above.

1) The Hours

New York law firm office hours begin at 9:30 a.m., the time at which I usually arrived. My day would generally end at 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. The hours, of course, were flexible. No one would criticize a late arrival at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m., as long as the tardy summer associate's secretary was kept abreast of the student's whereabouts.

Weekend work was rare. Over the entire summer, I felt the need to devote part of my Saturday to memorandum-editing only twice.

The urgent nature of particular projects led me to work evenings at points in the summer. Although labouring past 8:00 p.m. occurred infrequently, the firm's policy of dinner and car service "on the client" helped eased the discomfort of late-night work.

2) The Work

The summer program at my firm is divided into practice area rotations chosen by the student. I, for example, rotated through the litigation department for five weeks and the corporate department, Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Markets sub-divisions, for six weeks.

Commencing my American legal experience in litigation was not one of the better decisions I have made in my life. At large law firms, as many of us already know, junior associate litigation work means library research. Large New York law firms are no exception. Although I am well-equipped in Canadian legal research techniques due to that oh-so-helpful library assignment in first year, I found myself lost in the American stacks. "Blue-booking", the "Key System" and

"Shepardizing" were foreign concepts to me. Manual searches, furthermore, were discouraged due to the time wasted (the client was actually paying \$90.00 U.S. for every summer associate billable hour); rather, Westlaw and Lexis computer searches were the norm. My legal analysis abilities were, obviously, retarded somewhat because of my inexperience in American research. This lack of training was occasionally interpreted improperly as incompetence. During the first few weeks into this rotation, thankfully, I managed to develop a familiarity with American research skills which allowed me to perform more efficiently.

I was assigned to a "cluster" which concentrated on white collar crime litigation and I worked under the supervision of a well-known U.S. Attorney's Office prosecutor, cum criminal defense attorney, cum entertainment law litigator/partner. I was able to attend the arraignment and bail hearing of a high-profile arbitrageur charged with securities fraud, ie. insider-trading, for which matter I had done research. Other, more mundane work also filled my days, including brief-writing for a bankrupt law firm's collection suits and research memoranda on corporate litigation matters. I was sent to Los Angeles to observe a mock summary jury trial put on by the attorneys of the local branch office of my firm. Finally, the highlight of my summer was participating in a mock examination of a witness which I coordinated with a fellow summer associate. This event took place in a genuine Federal District Court over which a genuine Federal District judge presided.

By the time I rotated to the corporate department, I felt relatively comfortable with American law. The corporate work, furthermore, did not require much pre-acquired knowledge of any law, as I believe is the case with respect to Canadian summer student corporate work as well. I drafted and reviewed forms, required for securities offerings,

headed for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. I travelled to Lacrosse, Wisconsin to perform "due diligence", searching through corporate files for lease information which I would later analyze in preparation for a friendly takeover. A trip to "the printer's" brought me, ironically, to Toronto. In order not to distort the picture, I should add that a certain amount of reasearch and memo-writing was required in this department as well. I analyzed, for example, the effects of a European Economic Community Directive, which set out prospectus-unification requirements, on Americans investing abroad.

3) The Fun

As you can probably deduce by now, I had quite a bit of free time to enjoy New York City. The firm took advantage of this opportunity to show me the city, hastening my falling in love with the Big Apple. Social activities included: a boat cruise around Manhattan, a private party at the Central Park Zoo, lunches at trendy Wall Street restaurants at least three times weekly, charity benefits at hot N.Y.C. nightclubs, dinner and Broadway play-evenings with associate advisor and dates, a day off for the entire firm to enjoy sun and sports at the country club, and baseball games at Shea and Yankee Stadiums. If you thought I would deny the obscene extent of the "wooing" process pursued by the New York law firms, you were mistaken.

Although I find it hard to condone the extensive expenditure of money on law brats' while, outside the trendy restaurants, the many homeless lay begging (especially hard to deny when I was a beneficiary of the firm's "good will") I must admit that these social functions helped dispel my preconception of New York lawyers as one-dimensional and ruthlessly self-interested. I discovered, through informal conversation, that the firm is

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made up of fascinating individuals, who possess extra-legal talents, and who are, in addition, exceptional lawyers.

Finally, the firm organized interesting seminars on legal topics related to the firm's activities and a field trip to the New York Stock Exchange.

4) The Future

Ten days after the completion of the students' summer work, the firm informs the summer associate whether the hiring committee has decided to extend an offer of full-time employment to her or him. If another summer remains before the student graduates, the firm also offers a summer associate position for the following year. The firm encourages, however, that the student sample another legal experience, even if that means working at a competing firm.

I realize, of course, that life as a New York associate "married" to the firm is not as glamorous as that of a summer associate still in the "courting" stage of the relationship. I witnessed associates whom I befriended work long hours on high-pressure work. These conditions deter me from jumping on the N.Y.C. bandwagon. The quality of the assignments given to the associates, however, is high, as is the level of responsibility and these factors help explain the stressful nature of the associate's job. The training that these associates are receiving, furthermore, is probably some of the best around, as the partners guiding them are some of the best around. My presently unformed decision whether to join a New York law firm will involve a balancing of these pros and cons of associate life.

Update 1990: I did take up the firm's suggestion to sample another New York firm this past summer. The experience

paralleled that of the one described above. Even in the post-1980s era of law firm-hiring cutbacks, I continued to benefit from the opulent (though perhaps misguided) generosity of the New York summer experience.

Among the highlights of this past summer were:

The Work:

Two weeks in New Zealand, assisting in the privatization of a public utility; Meetings with United States government officials in Washington, D.C., to acquire information about overseas refugee assistance policy; Responsibility for handling the settlement of a copyright dispute.

The Fun:

A full-day, weekday deep-sea fishing expedition in the Atlantic; New York City movie premiere and charity benefit; Free privileges at a Wall Street cardio-fitness centre; A tour of the New York Times operation.

Absent from my article as originally published was a discussion of the McGill student's chance of landing a New York job. It is much more difficult to reach the interview stage as a Canadian law student than as a student of comparable American law schools. This is true despite the American perception of McGill University as a top Canadian institution. The reason for this varies from firm to firm. Some firms worry about the ability of the student to obtain the necessary immigration papers. Others demand their lawyers be trained in American law and require the acquisition of a graduate law degree from a United States law school. Still others simply do not hire foreign attorneys, as a rule. There are firms, on the other hand, which thrive on creating a diverse, international pool of lawyers to better serve their respective clients. These are the firms to which McGill students should apply.

For more information see me at New York Careers Day 1990 on Thursday.

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4) Graduate students who wish to use the system must pay their \$20,00 fee for the first semester to the Committee at rm. 204. Office hours for the payment of fees have not yet been established, but will be posted on the door when the centre opens.

5) PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINKS INTO THE COMPUTER ROOM. Computers and keyboards are very sensitive to damage. A cup of coffee may do you a world of good, but it will kill your computer.

6) Please be gentle. If for some reason a computer fails to work, leave a note on the offending terminal. Please do not bang, smack, hit, or drop the machine. This type of computericide has cost literally hundreds of dollars in keyboards and disk drives, and is partly responsible for why we are opening late this year.

7) PLEASE SAVE ALL OF YOUR DATA ON THE 3.5 INCH DISKETTES. THE FILE SERVER IS JAMMED WITH STUDENT WORK, AND IT WILL ALL BE DELETED SOON. SAVE ALL NEW WORK ON THE SMALL DISKETTES, AND COPY ALL OF YOUR OLD WORK ONTO THE SMALL DISKETTES. ANYTHING ON THE SERVER WILL BE WIPED OUT BY THE END OF OCTOBER. This warning will be repeated, and the importance of not saving on the server cannot be overstressed.

8) The Computer Room will be closed at 10:30 p.m. every night, at which time the power to the computers is automatically SHUT OFF. SAVE ALL OF YOUR WORK ON THE 3.5 INCH DISKETTES, OR YOU WILL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN!!!

In closing, please respect the equipment in rm. 204. It is very valuable and we cannot afford to replace it.

Coin des SPORTS Corner

by Lori Knowles, alias «Kanolies»,
LLB III

Athletic Coordinator

A hearty welcome back to all sports enthusiasts, and an adios to Jordo who has gone on to bigger and better (?) things. His voice can still be heard booming from L.S.A. and SSMU and this

year's sports coordinator has no doubt that his pink headband will be seen haunting the playing fields.

While many of us are still working up a sweat adding and dropping courses, scores of «law-athletes» have been working out behing Molson Stadium:

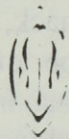
Frisbee-football California style = Ultimate frisbee. The California Raisins started the season off strongly by running away with two matches this weekend:

12-3, 11-2! Newcomer Alison White was in top form and despite rain and sub-zero temperatures, rookies and veterans alike managed some death-defying rolls in the mud.

Men's Softball: The Regal Legals saw a reunion of skilled veterans gathered in the mist Sunday at 9 a.m.. Seems the men were a little worse for wear from studying all night Saturday. Not to worry, an unruffled Seth Dalfen assures me that a few more Wheaties should do the trick.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

This week the Quid introduces a new weekly feature. Each week we will delve into the files of the LSA/AED and reproduce for your reading pleasure various correspondence, documents and memoranda involving the LSA/AED (formerly the Law Undergraduate Society).



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Montreal, 12 December, 1959.

Mr. Peter D. Walsh,
Faculty of Law,
McGill University,
690 Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Walsh,

In accordance with our verbal and friendly agreement, I am submitting herewith, as per Appendix attached, a partial list of the numerous small damages and vanishing acts accomplished last Wednesday night, December 10th, during the rather quiet dinner you have witnessed. If my memory serves me well.

Having been young once - this is unavoidable - the enthusiastic behavior of your group did not throw any note of consternation or despair into my heart, which still beats under the illusion that a half century is not sufficient to build an insuperable wall between your generation and mine. I remember one night in the wild twenties where a mere group of ten (ten of us, students) managed to collect over one hundred dollars to cover up our peaceful occupation of a nice 12 x 12 hotel-room.

Some of your toys deserve my warmest congratulations for unusual feats of strength such as fork bending, napkin tearing, and built breaking. I well remember the pigeons of yesteryear, but, my son, this year is way ahead.

As you no doubt noticed, our staff has kept a most serene attitude under the heavy barrage of fire and missiles which in a few cases registered direct hits. While I don't mind too much for a grand show of this nature to happen once in a blue moon, I do not feel particularly keen in any further development of such a form of artistic performance which, I humbly confess, I fail to appreciate to its full value. Somehow, the atmosphere of our Club does not seem to lend itself to these spectacular events.

You may rest assured that the attached list is definitely on the conservative side and that the cost of replacement and repairs is considerably above the figures shown. I still believe a wonderful time may be enjoyed by the vast majority without going through all that mess and trouble.

Yours very sincerely,

U. H. Mitchell

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